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## SOCIETY HOLDS SPIRITED MEETING

Chemists Gather for Final Meeting of the Year and Have a Jolly Time.

### PROGRAM VERY ENTERTAINING

AS THE climax of its initial year—a year whose successful activity promises much for the future—the University Chemical Society held its final meeting on Friday evening, the 12th, in West Hall of the College. About thirty members of the Society turned out, as well as a goodly number of its friends and well wishers. The members of the University Engineering Society were also invited, but for some unknown reason—it must have been the weather or the proximity of the final exams—the engineers failed to take advantage of the invitation, much to the regret of the chemists. However, the gathering was sufficiently large to insure the success of the evening's program.

### ROUTINE BUSINESS EXPEDITED.

The routine business was quickly transacted with little disturbance until the treasurer of the Society, Mr. Stewart, made a motion that the secretary be instructed to enter in the Society's minutes, THE NEWS' report of the trips to the Christian Heurich Brewing Plant and the Washington Gas Works. It was then that Herr Ludholz jumped to his feet, and, as if by inspiration, offered an amendment to the treasurer's motion, to the effect that the secretary be further instructed to enter in the minutes, the number of members who went on the brewery trip and the number of those who made the inspection of the gas works, in order to have the records depict the Society in true colors. The amendment met with little favor, but was made the occasion of some scathingly witty personal aspersions. The original motion was carried. After the transaction of the routine business, President Taylor announced that the remainder of the evening would be devoted to a special social program, and led the way himself by giving a resume of the Society's activities during the year—a sort of a *post mortem*, so one of the wits said.

### SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

The objects of the Society, President Taylor said, were to promote interest in the study of chemistry and to encourage mutual helpfulness among students of chemistry in the University. Having stated the objects of the Society, he then showed how well those objects had been accomplished during the year. In this connection he referred to the pro-

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## STUDENT ANNUAL PUBLISHED

This Year's Cherry Tree Receives Favorable Comment From Student Body.

THE editor and business manager of the *Cherry Tree* are at last able to announce the issuance of the University annual. The delays which have been experienced in this undertaking are in no way the fault of the management, but have been chiefly due to outside circumstances, and are amply compensated for by the results of their efforts, as shown by the copies of the book itself, which have come to our hands. The 1911 *Cherry Tree* is a book which reflects credit upon the University and upon its makers.

The 1911 *Cherry Tree* is a 300-page volume bound in blue, and printed on buff paper. The Clarendon type employed throughout the book gives the printed pages a highly artistic appearance. The cuts, the work of university students, are in every case well-drawn and in good taste. The photographs are unusually well mounted, with a minimum of gingerbread ornamentation. As a sample of the book-makers art alone, the *Cherry Tree* is well worth the money.

### CHARACTERISTIC OF UNIVERSITY.

But more than that the 1911 *Cherry Tree* is a real year-book, not a mere catalogue with rogues' gallery attachment, as an enthusiastic student remarked the other day. It is an attempt, and as a whole a successful attempt, we think, to reproduce in a year-book the characteristic spirit and atmosphere of George Washington. It is honestly represented, too, and our shortcomings, particularly in the athletic line, are squarely met, and not glossed over with empty "bluff." The various activities are all given due place. But especially in the section devoted to wit and humor is the spirit of George Washington student life well portrayed. The number of exchange jokes is small, indeed, in comparison with the excerpts from the native, home-grown humor of class room and laboratory. Here is something we have long wanted, a collection of George Washington jokes. We really have some jokes all our own, and we always will have, as long as we have the same genial humorists on our Faculty and the same irresponsible, happy-go-lucky students as grace our halls. Our only need has been a chron-

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## ATHLETICS ARE IMPORTANT

Counter Arguments Advanced Showing the Necessity for the Resumption of Athletics.

ON this page of the last number of THE NEWS, a letter was published in which the writer expressed the view that George Washington should not resume intercollegiate athletics, either in the present, or yet in the immediate future. The argument was advanced that athletics are not *per se* good, and that so far as this University is concerned, the indirect benefits to be derived from athletics would hardly be worth while. The following letter is, in a general way, a reply to these arguments. The writer maintains not only that athletics are in themselves good, but also that the indirect benefits which ordinarily follow in their train, are so distinctly necessary as to make it the duty of the University and student body alike to see to it that athletics are revived at the earliest possible moment.

Editor of THE NEWS.

DEAR SIR:

I note with interest a signed article in your last issue, opposing our resumption of athletics at the present or in the immediate future. Though, on account of the impending examinations, I have not time to go into the question as thoroughly as I should like, I feel that such an article should not go unanswered by those who take a different view of the matter, especially at a time when the student body at large has been asked to decide upon a proposed assessment having as its purpose, among other things, the resumption of athletics in the University. Without attempting to answer seriatim the arguments advanced by the writer, I shall hope, in an exposition of the other side of the question, to negative their effect.

### ATHLETICS A UNIVERSITY NEED.

To be a University in fact, as well as in name, a true University, we must have athletics. We wish to be a University in fact. Therefore we must have athletics. That my first premise will arouse contention, I do not doubt, but I believe that a careful consideration of the two reasons upon which, in the main, it depends, will show that I am justified in my assertion.

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## PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZES AWARDED

Three Contestants Participate in the Annual Davis Contest and Receive Honors.

### SUMMARY OF PRIZE ORATIONS

THE annual public speaking competition for the Davis Prizes was held in West Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, May 3d. Considering the fact that oratorical competitions are not under ordinary circumstances calculated to draw a large crowd, the contest was well attended. Four candidates were scheduled to compete for the prizes, but through some misunderstanding one of the competitors failed to appear at the proper time, with the result that he was unable to give his oration and the contest was thus reduced to a competition between three speakers. Those who spoke were, in order: I. Paul Taylor, on "Happiness and Genius;" W. Jefferson Davis, on "The Evolution of Our Electoral System, or A Plea for Direct Primaries;" and Kenneth Maxcy, on "An International Crisis."

The judges of the contest were three members of the Faculty, namely, Prof. H. Schoenfeld, Chairman, and Profs. G. N. Henning and C. S. Smith. As a result of the contest the three prizes were awarded in the following order: First prize, W. Jefferson Davis; second prize, Kenneth Maxcy; and third prize, I. Paul Taylor.

### MR. DAVIS ON DIRECT PRIMARIES.

The first prize oration was devoted to a discussion of the inherent defects of the convention system of nominating candidates for elective offices, and the advantages of the direct primary in placing the control of nominations immediately in the hands of the people, where according to the true principles of democratic government it should be. "The history of nominating institutions," Mr. Davis declared, "is that the further they are removed from the influence of government officials and the control of professional politicians, and the nearer they are placed relatively to the people, who constitute the source of government, the more readily responsive are they to the will of the people, and the nearer is the true goal of representation." In reviewing the practical operation of the direct primary in those states where it has been partially or wholly adopted, the speaker stated that—

"The results have been shown to be universally satisfactory.

"In that it has never been abandoned where it has once been given a fair trial;

"In its adoption and present use to a greater or less extent in every state in the Union;

## "HUMANISM OLD AND NEW"

Will be the subject of a lecture by Professor John Dewey, of Columbia, before the Seniors of Teachers College. The lecture will be given on the evening of May 31st, in the assembly hall of the Central High School. All students are invited to attend.



"In the increasing demand for its wider adoption by states where it is in partial use, as well as its extension to all elective offices in the states where it now exists."

In his concluding paragraph Mr. Davis summed up in a few chosen sentences the advantages of the direct primary, maintaining as its chief excellence its tendency to purify politics.

#### EULOGY OF JOHN HAY'S DIPLOMACY.

Mr. Maxcy's oration was a eulogy of the diplomacy of John Hay in maintaining the "open door" in China at a time when the great European powers were preparing to partition China among themselves. The necessity for the acquisition of more territory by the European powers, he showed, was at its basis economic and industrial. The powers were merely awaiting for some pretext for interfering in Chinese affairs and partitioning China's territory. When in June 1910, the news was received that the German ambassador in Peking had been murdered, and all the foreign legations were being besieged by the Chinese, who resented the encroachment of the "foreign devils," the opportunity for the partition of China seemed to be at hand. John Hay, however, had understood the situation from the start, and by a "diplomacy of truth" succeeded in outwitting the aggressive European nations, ultimately preventing the partition of Chinese territory. In this fashion John Hay "guided us safely through this perilous crisis of our infancy as a world power."

#### "HAPPINESS AND GENIUS," BY MR. TAYLOR.

The oration on "Happiness and Genius," by Mr. Taylor, was full of original subject matter embellished with poetical and other quotations. "Human happiness is the greatest problem of this life," he contended. Continuing, he said:

"We find happy people in all walks of life, but wherever we find them we discover that they have one universal characteristic: the faculty of being occupied always. The contented life does not consist in contemplation alone, it consists of work and what is more hard work. It does not depend upon the amount of brains nor physical prowess, but on the ability to choose a worthy purpose and work it out through thick and thin. And, after all, this power to work it out, to finish the course, is the all important factor."

While the judges were consulting Miss Bertha F. Walker, of Teachers College, sang two excellent solos.

#### Finances of Student Enterprises.

The Faculty Committee on Student Organizations has just submitted its report showing the indebtedness of the several branches of student activities, together with the amounts by which the individual items of indebtedness have been reduced during the past year. The Committee has paid out practically all the cash in hand leaving only \$5.84 for such incidental expenses as postage, etc. The available fund has all been used in paying off the athletic debts. The remaining indebtedness of the Athletic Association amounts to \$880.09. The indebtedness has been reduced by \$950.06 during the year.

In addition to the debts of the

Athletic Association there are also outstanding miscellaneous debts amounting to \$484.89, incurred by the Calcium Club of 1909 and 1910. The lack of any financial reports by the business managers for these years made it impossible to verify the accounts, submitted by creditors, wherefore it is believed that the \$484.89 does not represent the total indebtedness on this score. The report of the Committee follows:

#### Report of Committee on Student Organizations:

Cash Account:	
Received from—	
Athletic Council.....	\$148.60
C. H. Stockton.....	5.00
Helen Gillis.....	10.00
Columbian Women.....	200.00
Theater Benefit.....	221.70
H. C. Davis.....	25.00
	\$610.30
Paid out.....	\$604.46
Cash on hand.....	5.84
	\$610.30

#### Account of the Athletic Council:

	Due.	Paid.	Donated or Discounted.	Left Unsettled.
P. P. Magoffin.....	\$625.00	\$185.00		\$440.00
White & Co.....	318.25	210.00	108.25	
Walford & Co.....	308.75	20.00	49.00	178.75
J. Brookes.....	200.00		200.00	
Am. L. Pk.....	200.00	50.00		150.00
Dieges & Co.....	63.00	20.00		43.00
H. W. Fred.....	42.75	15.00		27.75
Kate Briscoe.....	24.28	14.28		10.00
B. O'Dea.....	14.50	5.00		9.50
P. E. P. Co.....	11.84	4.00		7.84
W. Times Co.....	9.00	3.00		6.00
Spaulding & Co.....	7.50	2.50		5.00
B. S. Adams.....	4.25	2.00		2.25
D. Baer.....	3.75		3.75	
G. Butnam.....	2.60		2.60	
L. M. Thayer.....	2.00	2.00		
J. R. Curl.....	1.00	1.00		
Eisinger Bros.....	.68	.68		

\$1,839.15 \$604.46 \$354.60 \$880.09

"While there is still a balance of \$880.09 due the creditors of the Athletic Council, the indebtedness was reduced by the amount of \$950.06 during the year. The balance in the treasury has, however, been decreased by the amount of \$142.76.

"For the donations and discounts received from the creditors, as well as from the donations received in cash, the committee is duly grateful. The donation of \$40.00 accredited to D. N. Walford & Co. was kindly given by the G. W. U. Hospital in the form of hospital services to the family of D. N. Walford.

"Kate Briscoe's item should probably not appear in the above account, for the entire amount of her original bill, \$34.28, was given by the treasurer of the Athletic Council to T. E. Haller for Kate Briscoe. Mr. Haller paid over to Kate Briscoe only \$10.00, but he promises to return the balance, \$24.28, to the Committee on Student Organizations.

"Besides the balance of \$880.09 left unpaid on the accounts of the Athletic Council, the following unpaid accounts have also come to the attention of the committee:

Calcium Club, 1909 (Philip Lee Scartling, Mgr.).....	\$ 60.64
Calcium Club, 1910 (Roy Newhouser, Mgr.).....	329.25
Freund's (for football banquet, 1910).....	95.00

Total.....\$484.89

"The accounts of the Calcium Club could not be included in making the present payments because the managers had failed to file reports with the committee, as requested, and without these reports the committee had no means of verifying the accounts. The accounts as given are probably incomplete and therefore too small.

"The bill for the 1910 football banquet was de-classified for the time being by a vote of the committee because it was contracted without the sanction of the Athletic Council. But it is expected that the bill will be included in a later settlement." W. C. RUEDEGER, Chairman.

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## ATHLETICS ARE IMPORTANT

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The first of these reasons is that competitive athletics afford to those who take part in them a moral training which is necessary to the man of today, and which can be gained in no other manner; that those who are in sympathy with and have interest in athletics become imbued with a spirit which is an important part of the American backbone. This is the day of the rounded man, if I may use the term. Present day problems demand men with red blood in their veins, men who are trained to think and act under stress, men, who in addition to cultivated minds, possess a common ground upon which they can meet with the lower stratum, the masses to whom the mental alone is nothing, the mental backed by the physical, a compound influence by which to be guided and governed. The effete product of the hot-house college is not fitted for the tasks of today; for these a sterner course of training is required. That athletics supply this need, is my contention.

The second reason is that the benefits to be derived from and the need of athletics is acknowledged generally by modern educators. Of the recognition of these benefits the amazing growth in influence, and the present flourishing state of athletics throughout the preparatory schools and colleges of the country is proof positive. No one will contend that school-men could so universally tolerate the existence of an influence, which was not for the betterment of the students in their charge. So that even though we concede that athletics are not an

unmixed good, the fact of their toleration establishes beyond contention a general recognition of the large preponderance of the good over the evil in them. Why, then, should any University hesitate to align itself on the side of athletics? Why should it fear, by so doing, to seem to lower its standard? The function of a University is to educate; athletics form a desirable, if not necessary, part of an education. Why then should a University hesitate to declare itself for athletics, even to the extent of levying upon the students for the support of them, if necessary?

## ATHLETICS AND A LOYAL ALUMNI.

There are few who will, in words, deny that we wish George Washington to be a real University. But are they not in fact denying it, who by their attitude, and by the sentiments which they express, make evident their indifference whether George Washington approaches or falls away from the broad ideas of a true University, so long as they derive from the University the knowledge for which they have paid their tuition fees? Student interests and student activities are an essential part of a University; athletics are an essential part of student activities.

He who opposes athletics, opposes student interests, opposes the University. The future well-being of George Washington depends largely upon the existence and support of a loyal Alumni. The Alumnus of a business college has little regard for the future welfare of such an institution; apart from our athletics and one or two other branches of student activity which drag out a hand-to-mouth existence, we have little to differentiate us from the ordin-

ary business college. Unless we foster our existing interests, and strive to add to them, how can we ever expect to develop a loyal Alumni?

## UNIVERSITY'S DUTY TO STUDENTS.

When we recognize these facts, should we be governed in the administration of our affairs by the opinions of those who have passed their undergraduate period at another institution, which they claim as their alma mater, to whom naturally enough George Washington is little more than a business college? What if we admit that such men constitute a considerable portion of the student body? What if we concede that the University in its present condition can not afford to do without this portion of its student body? It may nevertheless be stated with certainty, that the decision to resume athletics contrary to their wishes, the decision to assess every student in the interests of this resumption, will result in the loss of none of this class of students. The man who selects a business college carefully weighs the possibilities before a final selection. His choice amounts to a designation of the best he can get under all the circumstances; sentiment plays no part. Is there a danger of the balance being shifted by the disregard of an opinion, by a slight addition to the tuition bill?

I contend that it will be mistaken policy on the part of the University authorities, and injustice to those students who claim George Washington as their alma mater, to cater to the desires of those who oppose athletics, whatever their creed.

From the premises set forth the necessary conclusion follows: we must have athletics. I realize fully that "having athletics" does not consist in theorizing as to the propriety of their resumption. Too, I sincerely feel that athletics, if resumed in the University, must be governed by a policy different from that in vogue during the past few years. But, feeling morally certain that, with past experience to guide us, and on the basis of the scheme at present being agitated by the Association of Class Presidents, athletics can be successfully resumed in the University, I trust that the authorities will see their way clear to such a resumption in the near future.

Very truly,

J. ST. C. BROOKES, JR.

May 15.

## Pan-Hellenicism or not?

What has become of the inter-fraternity baseball league? This question has been asked repeatedly. The only answer is that the league has come to nothing. It is decidedly unfortunate that, whatever the reason, the attempt to bring the fraternities together in friendly competition has failed. At George Washington University more than any other good spirit and good feeling between the fraternities is necessary. They are the backbone of what little college spirit there is left at this institution. It is in the fraternity house that there is to be seen

any of that dormitory phase of college life which is so essential to the growth of good spirit in any university. Unfortunately, the fraternities, who should pull together for the well-being of the institution which fosters them, meet only on the ground of bitterest rivalry in the fall when so much feeling is aroused over the rushing of men. Some other relations are absolutely necessary. A ball league seemed to be the solution of the problem, but it has failed. Something ought to be done, and we take no better example than the University of Illinois. In that institution, the fraternities have each of them reserved one night a week in which members of the other fraternities are invited to visit. Once a year there is a pan-hellenic ball, where the fraternities and sororities meet. Besides the fraternity leagues in all branches of athletics, there is an annual inter-fraternity circus where it is impossible that good feeling will not be generated. Of course, owing to the conditions at George Washington all of this could not be carried out, but part at least could be done. The three girl's fraternities seem to have approached nearer to this happy arrangement than the men. In spite of the fact that the young women, feel the competition in the fall keenly, in spite of the fact that there are periods when rival factions weep over their losses and will not speak to one another, toward the middle of the year they have inter-fraternity luncheons, pan-hellenic meetings, and a pan-hellenic play. This should put the men to shame, and should cause them to awake to the realization that the women have far out-stepped them in the creation of college-spirit and the burying of petty prejudices. This, be it known, is the view of the situation taken by a disgusted non-fraternity man.

## THE EDITOR'S QUESTION BOX.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

In your next issue of THE NEWS, can you kindly explain why it is that we are compelled to take examinations on Decoration Day?—1914 co-ed.

This question should properly have been addressed to the Chairman of the Examination Committee, Professor Henning. He would probably answer very much to the point—with characteristic brevity. In order to spare you that, we will attempt to explain. Decoration day was established for the performance of a very solemn ceremony, that of decorating the graves of our departed heroes and dear ones with emblems and tokens of our sorrow and appreciation. Knowing this, the Faculty has decided that in accordance with the spirit of the occasion, the students should all be compelled to experience real sorrow by forcing upon them the most solemn, and, in some cases, most fatal of all collegiate engagements—examinations. Then too, it is a chance to get back at any student who should dare to think of frivolity upon a day reserved for prayer and solemn rites.

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## DEBATING vs. ATHLETICS.

A good deal has been said in these columns from time to time concerning the advisability, yes even the necessity, of continuing athletics in the University. Schemes have been advanced whereby it is believed the realization of this desideratum can be made possible. It is generally recognized that drastic action of some sort is imperative, if athletics are again to be put upon a satisfactory basis. The decision as to whether or not it is advisable to resort to heroic measures, must, of course, depend upon the value of athletics as estimated by the University authorities. Should they conclude that athletics are a necessary adjunct to student activities here, then it would seem to follow rather logically that some adequate plan for the restoration of athletics—in all frankness it is a question of restoration and not of continuance—should be adopted irrespective of any reasonable sacrifice. But if, on the other hand, the authorities be of the opinion, that under present conditions, athletics are not worth while to the University, because of the sacrifice their maintenance necessarily involves, or for any other reason, then obviously it is idle to talk about remedies.

We would say nothing which might tend to belittle the importance of good athletic teams, especially right now when efficient advertising and united cooperation on the part of all interested in the welfare of the University—in the promotion of which athletics would be important factors—seems almost a *sine qua non* of the successful continuance of the University. But in all of these discussions, too much emphasis, we believe, has been put on the athletic interests of the University. Not that athletics do not deserve every possible support and reasonable encouragement. But there are other interests of the University than its athletic interests, and certainly of no less importance.

There is one interest, which appeals to us to be of equal merit with athletics, and which has not received its proper share of favorable consideration. We refer to debating.

It is unnecessary to restate the arguments which establish the importance of debating as a legitimate student interest. It is enough to say that debating experience is a positive and a distinct benefit to all alike. By debating experience we do not mean intercollegiate debating experience, necessarily, but the experience that is gained in the ordinary routine of a well-conducted debating society. Irrespective of his special vocation, every student will find that such experience possesses great value for him. It is chiefly because of this fact, and the co-related fact that it is possible for every student to get debating experience through the medium of well conducted debating societies, that the continuance of debating should be well provided for. Debating has certainly one very great advantage over athletics in that it costs very little. Proper encouragement is practically all that is required.

Moreover debating is one of the student interests in which George Washington has been conspicuously successful. The record of our intercollegiate teams has been so creditable that the University was some time ago granted a chapter of the honorary debating fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho. This is no small mark of distinction. Delta Sigma Rho has chapters in all of the larger colleges and universities of the country. Unless the University continues to take an active interest in intercollegiate debating its chapter of this honorary fraternity will become only a bare name. This is an added reason why steps should at once be taken to put debating on a proper basis.

We have not aimed in this discussion to claim that debating is of more importance than athletics. The truth is that the two things are qualitatively dissimilar and hence do not permit of quantitative comparison.

## Senior Pharmacy Notes.

It is all over now but the shouting, and believe us there will be some shouting.

The Class is arranging for a smoker to be given in the near future.

Graduation day, June 7th. We are patiently waiting for the day.

The members of the class bid a fond farewell to their college and to the Faculty. We wish them ever increasing success in the future.

Our best wishes to the Juniors and Freshmen. May they be as successful as we have been, and have the good fortune to make the record that we have made.

Professor Munroe's lecture on "The Cost of Manufacturing Illuminating Gas" at the Cosmos Club, April 13th, was attended by a number of our members.

## BOOKS NEW AND OLD

## ON READING THE BIBLE.

NEWBURY is a man whose company is peculiarly agreeable for half an hour at a time, not oftener than once a week. He has an unlimited flow of conversation on any topic under the sun and though, as somebody said of Coleridge, he doesn't always attach very precise ideas to the words he uses, yet his fund of information is so various, his reading so extensive, and his enjoyment of his own talk so naive that it is a pleasure to listen to him if he doesn't keep it up too long. I am always glad to see Newbury come and, I must confess, equally glad as a rule, to see him go. He always stays too long and talks too much. The last time he came in he did me out of an entire evening and I propose to get even with him (though he won't know it) by making a column out of what he said.

"I hope I'm not keeping you from your work," he remarked pleasantly, helping himself to a fresh cigarette and pouring out another cup of tea. It was half-past ten.

"Nothing much," I answered; "I've got to write a piece for the G. W. NEWS."

"Ah—your college paper. What's the topic? Something about books, new or old. Haven't time to read new ones and can't remember any old ones interesting enough to write about? Well, why not the oldest of all—and the best—the Bible?"

"Is there anything new to say about that?"

Newbury crossed his legs, hooked his left arm over the back of his chair, threw his head back and blew a cloud of smoke from his cigarette. I sighed, recognizing the preparatory symptoms of another half-hour's monologue.

"That question, Lupus, indicates that you are obsessed, like so many people today, with a desire to be original—an entirely unnecessary and foolish desire, for the reason that everybody is original without trying to be. No two people ever had the same idea and if they had it they wouldn't express it in the same way, and if they did express it in the same way, no two of their hearers would understand it in the

same way. Everlasting originality is one of the necessary evils of existence.

"I was fortunate as a child, in being compelled to live for some time with two old people whose library consisted of three books—"Peter Parley's History of the World," "The Autobiography of John B. Gough," and the Bible. Parley and Gough were soon exhausted. The Bible—it was a medium-sized, family Bible, with good clear type—was pabulum of a more enduring sort. By instinct I seized first upon the book of Revelations. The splendid imagery, half oriental, half Greek, ravished me with a fearful delight and I would steal off into a corner to read, as though for the enjoyment of some forbidden pleasure. Did I understand it? No more than the thousand commentators who have written about it. Here, give me the book. What is there to understand in a passage like this?" And Newbury read in a loud, chanting voice the opening verses of the tenth chapter of Revelations:

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

"And he had in his hand a little book open; and he set his right foot upon the sea and his left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried seven thunders uttered their voices."

Newbury flung the book back and reached for a match while I hastily saved the teapot from his elbow, which threatened to sweep it onto the floor.

"It was not until some time later that I became acquainted with the book of Job, with its equally fine passages which are less involved in symbolism, however, and so are less attractive to the childish mind; but the chapter beginning—

"God answered Job out of the whirlwind"

is still a great favorite with me. Ecclesiastes? No. I had my period of liking that. The poetry of the twelfth chapter was partly spoiled for me by hearing its opening admonition, 'Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth,' rather often quoted or read in my Sunday School days, and though later in my sophomore period I

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One of the features of this year's *Cherry Tree* is the page devoted to sample examinations in History and Physics. The announcement is there made that it was impossible to get a sample set of examination questions in French. Since the appearance of the *Cherry Tree*, THE NEWS has gone to some expense to get the preliminary copy of the questions that will be asked in French 1 and 2 in the coming exams. A distant relative of the immortal Sherlock was employed to ferret out the questions. Of his success each reader may judge after carefully perusing the following result of his quest:

**FRENCH 1 AND 2.**

**Question 1.**—Translate the following anecdotes into idiomatic English:

A. Le Senator Quay aimait très de raconter une histoire d'une expérience qu'il a eu dans une auberge de campagne auprès la ville de Pittsburgh. Pendant du mur du salon était une inscription: "Ici on parle français." Le Senator a remarqué le signe et, en versant à l'aubergiste, lui a dit: "Parlez-vous français?"

"Non monsieur," l'homme a répondu. "Etats-Unis est assez bon pour moi."

"Eh bien," a dit le Senator, "pourquoi donc avez-vous cet affiche-là du mur? Cela signifie: Hier spricht man Französisch."

"Je serai d-n-e," a ejaculé l'aubergiste. "Un jeune homme me l'a vendu pour: 'Que Dieu benisse notre maison.'"

B. Un jeune homme très tard de spirit allait se promener en voiture avec une très jolie demoiselle qui voulait l'encourager un peu. Mais il n'a pas répondu à ses efforts, et une lourde silence est descendue sur les deux. Il l'a remarqué et lui a demandé: "Qu'avez-vous?"

"Personne ne m'aime, et mes mains sont froides."

Le jeune homme lui a répondu: "Vous ne devez pas dir cela; le bon Dieu vous aime, votre mere vous aime, et vous mains vous y pouvez vous asseoir."

**Question 2.**—Translate into classical English the following idiom-syncretisms:

Tote de soup, toute le deuce, beaucoup de femme, cherchez la faim, toot à l'her.

**Question 3.**—Give the principal parts, present and past— indefinite— of *Apercyboyer*.

**Junior College Class Notes.**

Miss Brackhagen has spent a large part of her time in tutoring this winter.

George H. Baston is selling canoes and has disposed of three during the past two weeks.

Miss Geschickter is still specializing in economics.

Ralph M. Dunbar is being heartily congratulated on the class poem which appears in *The Cherry Tree*. We are proud of him.

Miss Katherine S. Summy has achieved such success in her history of the Junior Class that she is seriously thinking about entering upon literary work of that nature as a career.

Peter J. Donk has been associated with freshmen so much in the laboratory this year, that until a few days ago the junior editor thought he was a freshman also. That accounts for the absence of Mr. Donk's name from this column.

Query: Why does Miss Jones keep that bottle of chloroform on her desk?

Mayne R. Coe delighted the Chemical Society at its final meeting on the 12th inst., by two vocal solos which were heartily applauded.

Miss Jackson has specialized in German this winter. The 2d person singular, present indicative, of the verb *wissen* seems to occupy a large part of her time.

Henry A. Lepper is thinking about issuing a volume of his stories. The edition will be limited in sale to the male contingent.

Albert Bryant Reavis has mixed college work with his law course this winter, and made good progress in both. That boy is a hustler all right!

Frank R. Jeffrey is seen more on F. Street than at college. He is always well accompanied, however.

Herr Ludholz brought more glory upon himself in an impromptu debate at the Chemical Society the other evening. The well known Ludholz mannerisms were all present and contributed much to the enjoyment of his argument.

George V. Lovering is practically living in the laboratory these days.

Harold Keats denies that he is getting fat. Says that it is the way his father dresses him.

Wonder of wonders! Elmer Stewart did *not* make a speech at the final meeting of the Chemistry Society.

This column would be incomplete without a mention of J. Norman Taylor. He remarked at the last meeting of the Chemical Society that because of the frequent notice he had received in the *Cherry Tree* and *THE NEWS* this year he thought them the two best publications in existence. Amen.

**Teachers College Notes.**

The more we contemplate the coming of Professor Dewey to our city in response to the invitation of the graduates of Teachers College, the more deeply are we convinced that his address to the Seniors on the evening of May 31 will be an important educational event for the Capital City. A general announcement and invitation will be sent throughout the school system in order that all the school officials and teachers may avail themselves of this unusual opportunity.

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icler—and now one has arrived. May the good work be kept up by future Cherry Trees!

Messrs. Hodgkins and Dutton have done nobly—and it must not be forgotten that they have done this entirely without remuneration and even at financial risk. Even the scholarship which in former years rewarded the editor and the business manager of the *Cherry Tree* was revoked this year. The University and the student body owe a debt of gratitude to these men, and can best evince it by their support. A number of copies of the *Cherry Tree* are on sale at the office, 1534 I street, for \$2.50 apiece. Every copy sold lightens the financial burden of the undertaking. Show your college spirit, with ample assurance that you are getting your money's worth. Our personal opinion is that it is money well spent.

**Dental School Notes.**

Dr. H. C. Thompson gave a quiz to the members of the Senior Class at his home, 3500 Thirteenth street, a few days ago. During the evening the class enjoyed several good musical selections.

Dr. J. Winslow Taylor, Professor of Operative Dentistry, who has been sick for several weeks, is again instructing his classes.

Mr. Domiciano J. Sandoval, our Philippine classman, promises to become a prominent professor in his country. Mr. Sandoval is searching for the finest equipment for his office, which he expects to have shipped on to the Philippines as soon as school closes.

Dr. Louis L. Butterfield, who graduated from the Dental Department last year, left for Iowa recently to take the Iowa State Board Examination. We wish him success.

Many new white enamel operation tables have been placed in the infirmary during the past week. There have also been installed drop ceiling lights to each dental chair.

Some of the Seniors went over to the races at Pimlico the other day. From the sober faces they wore on their return we judge the trip didn't agree with them.

Dr. Arthur B. Crane who is a specialist on extracting in this city, is to unite with Dr. Chas. White, in giving our Department the course in oral surgery during the coming year.

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At the risk of perpetrating what is known as a bromidic remark, I must repeat—this is a wonderful old world. A truly miraculous thing has happened, a thing so simply natural as to seem marvelous—and I am half-dazed yet with the surprise of it.

I must have mentioned, now and then, that the name of Sidney meant something more to me than merely the name of even a most lovable college lad. Sidney and heliotrope—they lie together in my memory, untouched by any later associations and there I had thought that they would sleep undisturbed for the rest of my life. But they have waked—and I face a thousand recollections. Sidney Marshall was such a girl as I have not known since I last saw her, and the scent of heliotrope in the warm dusk of an old garden has come down through many years. But this cannot interest you as I fancy that the present will. For a past memory and a present affection are curiously linked.

Quite by accident I met my friend of the chapel at the library today, and leaving it together we fell into step across the campus. Through casual talk of old landmarks and young faces we came at last to personalities and he mentioned that he had stopped here on his way north, among other reasons to see a young cousin of his who was a student here.

"We've spent our summers together for the last six years," he said, "and he's one of the best chums a fellow ever had. I've sort of fancied from the tone of his letters lately that a girl had gotten mixed up in his scheme of things, so I thought I'd look him up."

"You are very fond of him?" I asked, inanely enough.

"He's named after my mother, and my mother is dead," he answered simply. After a little pause he added, "Maybe you've run into him about the University—Sidney Wharton, from Texas?"

And I, a grizzled old bear of a bachelor, stopped short in the Elm Walk and clutched that surprised man by the arm. "Her name—what was your mother's name?" I asked.

He was curious, but too well-bred to show it. "It was Sidney Marshall before she married, and Stafford afterwards," he said. "If you care to see it, I have her picture," and he snapped open the back of his watch case. It was Sidney Marshall who looked out at me—a Sidney grown graver, but with the old stubborn pride lurking behind the sweetness of the mouth—the pride and the sweetness both too vividly before me these many years. Little wonder that the lad's name held my interest, or that tones in the voice of Sidney Marshall's nephew haunted my sober student hours—and less wonder that I had loved the boy. I closed the case with a

sigh, and then idly opened the front of it to glance at the time. What I saw there brought me sharply back from my regretful dreaming.

Georgiana, what is your picture doing in Guy Stafford's watch case?

Your Uncle,

GEORGE RANKIN.

**BOOKS NEW AND OLD.**

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was attracted by the world-weary Preacher's cry of disillusionment, that palled at length when the realization came that to refine upon the disappointments of life is a last resort, only to be sought when activity is no longer possible to overcome them. For the much praised beauties of Isaiah somehow I have no taste, and Jeremiah I can't stand at all. Just now I go oftenest to Proverbs. That is a sure sign that I am no longer young. The depth beneath their simplicity is only felt after some experience of life. The youthful attitude towards them is expressed in the remark of the young theological student to his professor, that he thought he could make as good proverbs himself, to which the older man replied tersely: "Try making a few."

"The appreciation of the Old Testament stories, too, came late with me. It requires perhaps a certain amount of literary sophistication to value the naive style in narrative. But there are great dramatic possibilities in them and I am glad to see that our modern playwrights are beginning to go more boldly to their treasures for material. If it was not so late I would like to read you the tale of David and Bathsheba and the prophet Nathan, the most touching and convincing version of a typical world-old tragedy—"

Newbury stopped with a look of inquiry and a hesitating gesture toward the Bible. I made no sign, however, and he subsided with a disappointed look.

"As for the New Testament, except for Revelations and some passages in the Gospel of Saint John, I never cared for it."

The clock struck eleven and Newbury rose from his chair with apologies.

"I really shouldn't keep you from your work like this," he said. But he remained on his feet talking for another fifteen minutes, regardless of my signals of distress.

After he had gone, I sat up to read the story of David and Bathsheba and the prophet Nathan.

LUPUS.

The son of a prominent glass merchant in a certain city is noted for his absent-mindedness. He once boiled his watch instead of an egg which he held in his hand, and he tried on another occasion to let himself out of his home with his latch key. His latest effort, however, consisted in removing his lighted cigar from his mouth and carefully shutting it up in his eye-glass case.

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## SOCIETY HOLDS SPIRITED MEETING.

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fessional papers and abstracts together with the open discussions with which the Society had been favored. The Society had been addressed, he stated, by Dean Munroe, Dr. Wiley, and Mr. McDermott, on subjects of great scientific interest.

Reference was also made to the scientific trips and to the banquet as indicia of the Society's success. According to President Taylor's statement, the chemists had not felt satisfied with merely developing the chemical resources of George Washington; they had sought wider fields by inquiring as to whether or not there was some intercollegiate chemical organization of which the local Society might become a chapter. Finding there was none such, the members had even gone so far as to suggest the formation of one, with our own Society as a nucleus, and in the coming year would undoubtedly take steps toward the organization of an intercollegiate association as a junior branch of the American Chemical Society. President Taylor's concluding remarks were taken up with a discussion of suggestions for next year. Chief of these, from a University standpoint, was the statement that it was the duty of all members of the Society to urge their chemistry friends to come to G. W. U. Upon noticing that representatives of *The News* and the *Cherry Tree* were present, the Society's able president, by a display of tactful diplomacy, went out of his way to pay a compliment to these student publications for the advertising they have given the Society, and his equally tactful colleagues burst out into loud applause of approval, of course.

### PLENTY OF FUN IS PROVIDED.

Next on the program was a vocal solo by Mr. Leroy Freeman, a member of the Engineering Society, who sang the song "Brown October Ale." Mr. Freeman's solo was well received, and so he sang another song about another sort of "ale." They were all good—the solos, and not the ales, for alas! of the latter there were none.

Those who think that all a chemist knows consists of formulas glibly memorized, and half digested empirical truths, would have had their ideas on this subject completely revolutionized, had they been able to hear the spirited debate between Monsieur Ludholz and Sir Pozen. It was literally speaking Deutschland vs. Deutschland, with the result that Deutschland was victorious. Mr. Ludholz protested at the very start that he had never heard that he was to participate in a debate as part of the evening's amusement, and that in fact he never felt like debating, whereupon Mr. Pozen promptly expressed his readiness to take the negative of both of those statements. After effervescences of a like nature, Mr. Pozen suggested as the topic of debate:

"Resolved, That chemists should study chemistry," choosing to uphold the negative. The debate was a lively one, full of cutting personal

innuendos that caused a good deal of laughter.

After the debate was over, Mr. Coe sang two excellent solos, followed by Mr. Moneyway, who recited two negro dialect stories in his characteristically telling manner. As the final number on the program, Mr. Pozen sang some original stanzas, about the exam in Chemistry 4 and President Taylor, to an old tune—not the one the old cow died of. The final number on the program was refreshments. Everybody took part—some a larger part than others. Before the meeting the treasurer reported a surplus. It is safe to say that as a result of the meeting the Society will be thrown into bankruptcy, because of the unlimited capacity of some of the members for refreshments, and the consequent expense to the Society.

The Chemical Society and its members and officers have a right to be proud of its record and achievements during the first year of its existence. It has been exceedingly difficult this year to keep the few remaining student activities alive. The chemists, however, found it possible to organize an effective association in a year of general inactivity. The formation of the Chemical Society is one of the distinct accomplishments of this academic year.

### THE SEQUEL TO THE MEETING.

As a postlude to the final meeting, some of the members, whose names are not for publication, had an interestingly romantic experience. It chanced that the Mozart Choral Society, of New York, composed entirely of feminine voices, was giving a recital in the ball room of the Arlington, on the evening of the chemists' meeting. Throughout the early evening hours excellent musical selections were rendered, which diverted the attention of the chemists several times. The consequence was that four chemists gained a peaceable and welcome entrance into the Arlington, and participated in the dance that followed the recital. The story of how the whole thing happened is thus related by one who knows because he was of the number of the blessed four:

"Yes the rumor is true, at least partially so. I am willing to tell some of the things I know about the affair, provided the matter is kept strictly secret. Well, during the meeting we heard tuneful music coming from the direction of the Arlington ball room. After the meeting four of us remained a while, to enjoy the vocal music. We noticed that all the singers were of the other sex. Of course, we were in no hurry to get away on that account; quite the contrary. After the music, the members of the chorus began to dance. The girls looked lonesome without any men as partners, and we felt lonesome. So you see we had a common meeting ground. Now the music was exceptionally fine. In fact one of the fellows had remarked that only angels could sing like that. Inasmuch as all of us knew that the abode of angels is the realm of bliss, and we had all had an unconquerable desire from our very childhood days to see the angels, we decided that we would effect an entrance into heaven. Now how that was done concerns no one but ourselves. Suffice it to say that it was only a short time before we had attracted the attention of some of the dancers occupying window seats in the ball room, and were ourselves beneath the windows out there in the rear yard of the I

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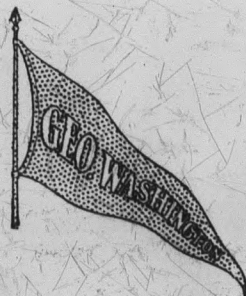
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street buildings, engaged in conversation with some of the fair ones seated on the window sills. Well, we got into the ball room all right—just how we did it, whether by means of a rope ladder or not—we don't choose to divulge. But we got in, and we stayed in for a long time, and had a capital time. The Mozart girls are all right; we hope they will come again, and that soon too. We'll be there."

## Aero Club—Attention!

Enthusiastic members of the club made pilgrimages to Benning on May 5, 6, and 7, to witness the flights which were made by the Curtiss aviators. A number of other University students, not members of the club, also attended this first regular aviation exhibition ever held in Washington. The flights were, to say the least, interesting. The most exciting event was the race around the course between an automobile and two aeroplanes. The tests for pilots' licenses and the spirals were also good.

On Friday afternoon, the first day of the meet, Beachey, a daring young aviator, left the field at Benning and flying over the thickly populated section of the city, circled the dome of the Capitol. At one time he was over 3,000 feet in the air, and he made the round trip of more than ten miles in twelve minutes.

The 15th anniversary of the first flight, anywhere in the world, of a heavier-than-air machine (that of Prof. S. P. Langley's) was celebrated at the University Club on Saturday evening, May 6th. Mr. J. A. D. McCurdy spoke on this occasion and those George Washington students who were privileged to hear him will never regret it. Mr. McCurdy described his wonderful flight from Key West to Havana, and he said that one of the striking

things he noticed was the clearness of the water, the floor of the sea being at times discernible.

An Intercollegiate Glider Meet will be held at the Harvard aviation field, at Atlantic, Mass., May 27-30.

The colleges entering this meet are Harvard, Penn, Amherst, Dartmouth, Tufts, Williams, Columbia, Cornell, Boston Tech., and Worcester. This meet promises to be a big thing and will undoubtedly stimulate and increase interest among the colleges in aeronautics.

A balloon race at North Adams, Mass., is scheduled for June 3d, the list of contestants to date being Harvard, Dartmouth, Penn, and Williams.

The G. W. U. Aero Club hopes to hold a meet some time in the future, but the Executive Committee has not definitely decided on a date.

A prominent member of the club built a glider last summer and although it is not now in the hangar at College Park, it is probable that some flights will be made during the summer.

## Petition to be Circulated.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Association of Class Presidents adopted at the last meeting of the Association, a petition is now being circulated in every department of the University, the purpose of which is to discover cover how many and what proportion of the students in the University are in favor of the scheme of assessing each student \$5.00 to raise a fund for the maintenance of the athletic and journalistic interests of the University. It

is always risky to attempt a prophecy, but there seems to be little doubt that the scheme will meet with general approval. Already the Senior Law Class has put itself on record as in favor of the plan.

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